

A. Amendments to the Claims:

1. (withdrawn) A method for practicing putting, comprising:

- (a) providing a putter having a head having a toe, a heel, a length, and a face;
- (b) providing a practice putting pad including:
 - a flexible sheet having a surface, a longitudinal axis, a back end, and a front end;
 - a putter toe line disposed upon said surface parallel to said longitudinal axis;
 - a putter heel line disposed upon said surface parallel to said longitudinal axis;
 - said putter toe line spaced apart from said putter heel line by about said length of the putter head;
- (c) providing a support surface;
- (d) placing said practice putting pad upon said support surface;
- (e) positioning said putter head upon said surface so that said face is perpendicular to said putter toe line and said putter heel line;
- (f) moving said putter head back to said back end while keeping said face perpendicular to said putter toe line and said putter heel line;
- (g) moving said putter head forward to said front end while keeping said face perpendicular to said putter toe line and said putter heel line; and,
- (h) repeating steps (e) through (g) a plurality of times.

2. (withdrawn) The method of Claim 1, further including:

- providing a golf ball;
- in step (b), a circle having a diameter approximately equal to that of a golf ball disposed upon said surface; and,
- prior to step (e), placing said golf ball upon said surface at said circle so that said golf ball will be struck by said face during step (g).

3. (withdrawn) The method of Claim 2, further including:

- in step (c), said support surface being a golf putting green; and,

after step (g), observing that when said golf ball leaves said practice putting pad a path of said golf ball is not altered.

4. (withdrawn) The method of Claim 1, further including:

in step (b), said putter toe line having an outside boundary, said putter heel line having an outside boundary, and a perpendicular distance between said outside boundary of said putter toe line and said outside boundary of said putter heel line being about five inches.

5. (withdrawn) The method of Claim 1, further including:

in step (b), said sheet having a length of about 26 inches, a width of about five and one half inches, and a thickness of no greater than one sixteenth of an inch.

6. (withdrawn) The method of Claim 5, further including:

providing a cylindrical storage container having a length of about six inches and a diameter of about one and one half inches; and,

after step (h), rolling said practice putting pad up along said longitudinal axis into a cylindrical shape and placing said practice putting pad inside said cylindrical storage container.

7. (withdrawn) The method of Claim 1, further including:

in step (b), a centerline disposed upon said surface parallel to said longitudinal axis, said centerline equidistant between said putter toe line and said putter heel line.

8. (withdrawn) The method of Claim 1, further including:

in step (b), a first reference line disposed upon said surface parallel to said longitudinal axis, said first reference line positioned between said centerline and said putter toe line, and a second reference line disposed upon said surface parallel to said longitudinal axis, said second reference line positioned between said centerline and said putter heel line.

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Please add the following new claims:

18. (new) A practice putting pad for use with a golf ball and a putter having a head, the head having a toe, a heel, a length, and a face, said practice putting pad comprising:

a flexible sheet having a surface and a longitudinal axis;

said flexible sheet fabricated from a layer of soft polyester fabric backed with a layer of open cell rubber;

a putter toe line disposed upon said surface parallel to said longitudinal axis;

a putter heel line disposed upon said surface parallel to said longitudinal axis; and,

said flexible sheet having a thickness of no greater than one sixteenth of an inch, so that when said practice putting pad is placed upon a support surface and a golf ball is placed upon said practice putting pad and struck with the putter so that the golf ball leaves said practice putting pad, a path of the golf ball will not be altered as the golf ball leaves said practice putting pad.

19. (new) The practice putting pad according to Claim 18, further including:

said practice putting pad rollable along said longitudinal axis into a cylindrical shape having a diameter no greater than one and one half inches.

20. (new) The practice putting pad according to Claim 19, further including:

when unrolled from said cylindrical shape, said practice putting pad will lay flat upon a support surface.

21. (new) The practice putting pad according to Claim 18, further including:

said putter toe line spaced apart from said putter heel line by about the length of the putter head, so that when the head of the putter is placed upon said practice putting pad with the face perpendicular to said longitudinal axis, the toe of the putter resides upon the putter toe line and the heel of the putter resides upon the putter heel line.

22. (new) The practice putting pad according to Claim 21, further including:
said putter toe line having an outside boundary;
said putter heel line having an outside boundary; and,
a perpendicular distance between said outside boundary of said putter toe line and said outside boundary of said putter heel line being about five inches.
23. (new) The practice putting pad according to Claim 22, further including:
said putter toe line and said putter heel line being about one quarter of an inch wide.
24. (new) The practice putting pad according to Claim 18, further including:
said practice putting pad rollable along said longitudinal axis into a cylindrical shape having a diameter no greater than one and one half inches;
when unrolled from said cylindrical shape, said practice putting pad will lay flat upon a support surface;
said putter toe line spaced apart from said putter heel line by about the length of the putter head, so that when the head of the putter is placed upon said practice putting pad with the face perpendicular to said longitudinal axis, the toe of the putter resides upon the putter toe line and the heel of the putter resides upon the putter heel line;
said putter toe line having an outside boundary;
said putter heel line having an outside boundary;
a perpendicular distance between said outside boundary of said putter toe line and said outside boundary of said putter heel line being about five inches; and,
said putter toe line and said putter heel line being about one quarter of an inch wide.
25. (new) A practice putting pad for use with a golf ball and a putter having a head, the head having a toe, a heel, a length, and a face, said practice putting pad comprising:
a flexible sheet having a surface and a longitudinal axis;
a putter toe line disposed upon said surface parallel to said longitudinal axis;
a putter heel line disposed upon said surface parallel to said longitudinal axis; and,

said putter toe line spaced apart from said putter heel line by about the length of the putter head, so that when the head of the putter is placed upon said practice putting pad with the face perpendicular to said longitudinal axis, the toe of the putter resides upon the putter toe line and the heel of the putter resides upon the putter heel line.

26. (new) The practice putting pad according to Claim 25, further including:

said putter toe line having an outside boundary;

said putter heel line having an outside boundary; and,

a perpendicular distance between said outside boundary of said putter toe line and said outside boundary of said putter heel line being about five inches.

27. (new) The practice putting pad according to Claim 26, further including:

said putter toe line and said putter heel line being about one quarter of an inch wide.

28. (new) The practice putting pad according to Claim 25, further including:

said flexible sheet fabricated from a layer of soft polyester fabric backed with a layer of open cell rubber; and,

said flexible sheet having a thickness of no greater than one sixteenth of an inch, so that when said practice putting pad is placed upon a support surface and a golf ball is placed upon said practice putting pad and struck with the putter so that the golf ball leaves said practice putting pad, a path of the golf ball will not be altered as the golf ball leaves said practice putting pad.

29. (new) The practice putting pad according to Claim 28, further including:

said practice putting pad rollable along said longitudinal axis into a cylindrical shape having a diameter no greater than one and one half inches; and,

when unrolled from said cylindrical shape, said practice putting pad will lay flat upon a support surface;